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SUBJECT: 29TH GA: SECOND COMMITTEE - ITEM 51, UN UNIVERSITY

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1. DEPT NOT PREPARED TO MAKE MORE SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT REGARDING US SUPPORT FOR UNU THAN CONTAINED IN POSITION PAPER (UNEC D-565/74) WHICH IS POSITIVE IN TONE AND (PARA 3) ANTICIPATED SYG'S APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN TO HEAD UNU.

2. HAVING VOTED FOR GA RES. 2951 (XXVII) AND 3081(XXVII) WHICH APPROVED CHARTER, US HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED ITS SUPPORT OF CONCEPT AND INTEREST IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. FURTHERMORE, AS NOTED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 OF US POSITION PAPER, WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE AND LOOK
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FORWARD TO ACCELERATION OF ITS DEVELOPMENT WITH APPOINT-

MENT OF RECTOR AND DEVELOPMENT OF WORK PROGRAM.

3. CAVEAT CONTAINED IN PARA 3 STILL STANDS. NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR US TO CONTRIBUTE TO CENTRAL ENDOWMENT FUND AND IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ABOUT OTHER MEANS OF FUNDING WHEN THERE IS STILL NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF PROGRAMS OR PROGRAM PRIORITIES.

4. RE JAPANESE RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN REFTEL USUN 4803,

DEPT. CONCURS THAT RESOLUTION PER SE POSES NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSULTATION WITH JAPANESE DELEGATION TO AMEND OPERATIVE PARA 1 TO READ "URGES THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH WITH THE RECTOR CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING PROGRAM PRIORITIES IN THE PREPARING AS THE FIRST STEP, THE UNIVERSITY'S WORK PROGRAM WHICH IS VIEWED AS AN IMPORTANT ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR ITS JANUARY MEETING." THIS SUGGESTION, WHICH ORIGINATED WITH DR. WEIDNER, U.S. MEMBER OF COUNCIL, AND HAS BEEN STRONGLY ENDORSED BY DR. STEPHEN BAILEY, VICE-PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, DEPT'S INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR UNU, COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN HAVING COUNCIL SHARPEN ITS FOCUS ON PROGRAM PRIORITIES THAT SHOULD BE SEEN IN TERMS OF MAJOR WORLD PROBLEMS AND FORESTALL SCATTERIZATION OF UNU EFFORT WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE SUICIDAL FOR NEW ORGANIZATION.

5. IN VIEW OF PARA 3 ABOVE AND NEED TO LEAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT FACT THAT AT THIS POINT U.S. NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO UNU, WE BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE TO AVOID GIVING ANY MISLEADING SIGNALS TO OTHER DELS (ESPECIALLY JAPANESE) AND POSSIBLY AROUSING FALSE EXPECTATIONS OF A U.S. CONTRIBUTION. U.S. MUST THEREFORE DECLINE TO CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION. U.S. DEL SHOULD SO ADVISE JAPANESE, EXPLAIN OUR REASONS AND STRESS THAT WHILE WE REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION WE WILL OF COURSE SUPPORT IT. YOU SHOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR INABILITY TO ACT AS CO-SPONSOR SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS REFLECTION ON HESTER'S APPOINTMENT. INGERSOLL

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